

NANOCOMPOSITE SURGICAL MATERIALS AND METHOD  
OF PRODUCING THEM

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Nanocomposite surgical materials, such as cements, having very fine  
5 heterogenous structure are formed by incorporating into a polymeric matrix a well  
dispersed solid filler having an average mass diameter ranging from about 750  
nanometers to about 1 nanometer. The average ligament thickness of the surgical  
composite cements ranges from about 750 nanometers to about 1 nanometer. Methods  
and apparatus for avoiding air contact during the preparation and transfer of a cement to  
10 an in vivo site are described.